

Amendments to the Abstract:

Kindly replace the present abstract with the following amended abstract:

A chopper, or crusher (1) for breaking up ice, ~~comprising~~ including a housing (2, 3) able to be pushed over the goods to be broken up and with a knife (5) with a blade having a toothed cutter (52) is provided. An upper housing part (2) is detachably connectable to a beaker-like housing lower part (3) closed at the bottom. In a preferred embodiment, the height H_K of the blade (51), the height of the beaker H_B and the maximum vertical path of the knife (5) limited by an actuation mechanism (4) are selected and matched to one another such that the cutter (52) in its lowermost position does not come into contact with the beaker base (31).